

URBAN DISTRICT OF WOMBWELL.

REPORT ON THE HEALTH AND THE SANITARY ADMINISTRATION OF
THE URBAN DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1942.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Wombwell
Urban District Council.

Councillor Mrs. Mellor and Gentlemen,

This is my twenty-third Annual Report on the Health of the
Urban District.

The chief features of the year are:

- (a) The increase in the Respiratory death rate (Non-Tubercular cases) - from 0.87 per 1,000 to 1.4 per 1,000.
- (b) The decrease in the Cancer death rate.
- (c) The large number of notified cases of Measles (300) without a single death.
- (d) This year the death rate which is recorded is the crude death rate and not the adjusted death rate as the Registrar General is not this year supplying districts with a comparability factor.

The Ministry of Health desires that the report should be a short one on account of the war, giving mainly the statistics.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. PICKUP.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

Population estimated by Registrar General for 1942
(mid-year)

Excess of Births over Deaths for 1942

Number of houses occupied at the end of 1942

Rateable Value

Sum represented by a Penny Rate

132
4,888
£62,534
£235

BIRTHS.

	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	310	155	155
Illegitimate	15	5	10

Birth Rate 19.2 per 1,000 (England and Wales was 15.8)

DEATHS.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births:				
Legitimate	48.3	Illegitimate	66.6	Total 49.2
Deaths from Measles				0
Deaths from Whooping Cough				3
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)				1 (1.5)
Death Rate				10.8
Death Rate, Tuberculosis of Respiratory System		8	(0.47 per 1,000)	
Death Rate, Zymotic Diseases		6	(0.35 per 1,000)	
Death Rate, Respiratory Diseases		27	(1.4 per 1,000)	
Death Rate from Cancer		17	(1.00 per 1,000)	

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

This year's population gives an average number of persons per house of

The estimated population in the various wards of the Urban District is given below:

S.E.	S.W.	C.	N.	H.
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During the year 8 cases were admitted into, and 5 cases discharged from, Sanatoria.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

The excess of births over deaths, or what is generally spoken of as "the natural increase of population," was 132.

The distribution of the births in the Wards is as follows:

	S.E.	S.W.	C.	N.	H.
Males	20	52	30	28	30
Females	26	46	28	23	42
	<u>46</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>72</u>

Of the total births, 15 (5 males and 10 females) or 4.6 per cent. were registered as being illegitimate.

DEATHS.

The total deaths amounted to 183, including deaths of residents dying outside the district and excluding non-residents who died in the district. They consisted of 105 males and 78 females.

Distributed in Wards they were:

	S.E.	S.W.	C.	N.	H.
Males	13	36	13	15	28
Females	6	26	14	15	17
	<u>19</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>45</u>

This gives a total death rate of 10.8 per 1,000 as against 11.6 for England and Wales.

DEATHS IN QUARTERS.

54 for the first quarter, 31 for the second quarter, 48 for the third quarter and 50 for the fourth quarter.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Death Rate 1942.	Disease.	No. of Deaths in 1942.	Increase or decrease compared with 1941.	Death Rate 1941.
0.0	Enteric Fever	0	same	0.0
0.0	Smallpox	0	same	0.0
0.0	Measles	0	same	0.0
0.0	Scarlet Fever	0	same	0.0
0.17	Whooping Cough	3	+	0.0
0.1	Diphtheria	2	same	0.1
0.17	Influenza	3	+	0.05
0.46	Phthisis	0	same	0.46
0.17	Other Tuberculous Disease	3	+	0.05
1.0	Cancer	17	—	1.9
0.05	Rheumatic Fever	1	same	0.05
0.1	Meningitis (Meningococcal)	2	+	0.05
0.8	Cerebral Haemorrhage	13	same	0.8
2.3	Organic Heart Disease	40	+	2.04
0.54	Bronchitis	10	+	0.4
0.8	Pneumonia	14	+	0.29
0.17	Other Disease of Respiratory Organs	3	same	0.17
0.05	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under two years)	1	same	0.05
0.1	Appendicitis	2	+	0.0
0.0	Cirrhosis of Liver	0	—	0.05
0.35	Nephritis	6	—	0.7
0.0	Puerperal Sepsis	0	—	0.05
0.0	Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	0	same	0.0
0.46	Congenital Debility and Malformation including Premature Birth	8	+	0.4
0.55	Violent Deaths	11	+	0.52
0.05	Suicide	1	same	0.05
0.0	Peptic Ulcer	0	—	0.05
0.1	Diabetes	2	+	0.05
1.65	Ill Defined Diseases	33	+	1.05
<u>10.8</u>		<u>183</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>9.9</u>

There were 9 inquiries held by the Coroner in Wombwell during the year (being 4.9 per cent. of the total deaths).

Post Mortem Examinations were carried out in 8 cases.

Of still born babies (8) there were 4 interred at Wombwell Cemetery and 1 at Hemingfield Cemetery. The number of still born babies notified was 8.

The causes of Infantile Deaths were as follow:
Premature Births 5, Cardiac Disease 2, Pneumonia 3, Gastro-Enteritis, Whooping Cough, asphyxia, Tuberculosis (Meninges) 1 each, Ill Defined 2.

Infantile Deaths in Wards.

	S.E.	S.W.	C.	N.	E.
Males	1	4	1	2	0
Females	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
	1	5	3	3	4

There was no Illegitimate Death during the year.

WARD STATISTICS.

	S.E.	S.W.	C.	N.	E.
Approximate Population					
All Deaths	19	62	27	30	45
Death Rate	8.6	11.3	8.7	15.9	12.3
Births	46	98	58	51	72
Birth Rate	20.8	17.8	18.7	20.3	19.7
Infantile Deaths	1	5	3	3	4
Infantile Death Rate (per 1,000 births)	21.7	51.2	51.7	58.8	55.5

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The causes of Zymotic Diseases were as follow:

Scarlet Fever	•
Diphtheria	2
Whooping Cough	3
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1
Smallpox	-
Measles	-
Enteric Fever	-

Under the Infectious Disease Notification Act there were notified 499 cases of Infectious Disease as follow:

Scarlet Fever	50 (19 males and 31 females.)
Diphtheria	27 (15 males and 12 females.)
Puerperal Pyrexia	2.
Whooping Cough	26 (12 males and 14 females.)
Erysipelas	10 (4 males and 6 females.)
Measles	300 (142 males and 158 females.)
Pneumonia	48 (34 males and 14 females.)
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	19 (13 males and 6 females.)
Tuberculosis (Non Respiratory)	10 (3 males, 7 females.)
Enteric Fever	4 (2 males and 2 females.)
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	3 (3 females.)

Notifications of Infectious Diseases in Wombwell in 1942.

	Removed to Hospital	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	32	-
Diphtheria	25	2
Erysipelas	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-
Pneumonia	-	14
Phthisis	-	8
Other Tubercular Diseases	-	3
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	3	2
Enteric Fever	4	-

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62 or 73.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply of water to all parts of the town is regular and adequate.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No new pollution of any rivers and streams was noticed during the year.

SWIMMING BATHS.

The baths have been closed from the 1st September, 1939, as the baths are now used as a First Aid Post. Samples of water taken previously showed a high standard of purification.

SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition of the schools in the district is good.

NEO-NATAL DEATHS.

The number of deaths of Infants in the first month of life was 8.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

No case occurred during the year.

ANTENATAL CLINIC.

50 clinics were held through the year, 284 women made 1716 attendances, giving an average of 34.3 per session.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE HEALTH VISITING.

Births.

First Visits	272
Re-visits during the year	2024
Re-visits over the first year	4864
Ante-Natal Visits	187
Still Births Visits	5
Other Visits	<u>265</u>
	<u>7617</u>

MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

At the Wombwell Infant Clinic, where 48 sessions were held, there have attended 3471 children, a weekly average of 72.3, 243 new babies have joined, 226 of these being under one year and 17 over that age. The doctor examined 929 children during the year, an average of 19.3 per session.

At the Jump Infant Clinic, where 49 sessions were held, 56 new babies have joined during the year, 53 of these being under one year and 3 over that age, there were 1329 attendances, an average of 27.1 weekly, and 462 were examined by the doctor, the average per session being 9.4.

HOME HELPS.

This system, although adopted by you and proved to be very satisfactory, is very little used.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT CENTRE FOR NON-TUBERCULAR CHILDREN UNDER SCHOOL AGE.

During 1942, there were 97 sessions and 2278 attendances.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. PICKUP.



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SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wombwell
Urban District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a very brief report of the work carried out in the department during the year ended 1942.

TENTS, WANS AND SHEEDS.

There are only 5 of these temporary buildings occupied within the district.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There is no change in this position. The percentage of closets on the water carriage system is 98.5.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

There are 15 farms within the district upon which milk is produced. One Tuberculin Tested (Certified) and six Accredited Licences are in force.

42 Visits have been made to these premises during the year.

PURVEYORS OF MILK.

There are 22 purveyors of milk on the registers which include local farmers.

No samples of milk were taken either for bacteriological or chemical analysis during the year.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are 10 privately owned slaughter houses but none are in use except for occasional slaughtering.

FOOD PREMISES AND SHOPS.

68 visits were made to premises and shops where food is prepared or stored for sale and 100 visits were made to your markets.

Small quantities of foodstuffs submitted for examination were dealt with according to circumstances. Most of it was used for stock feeding. It consisted of 131 lbs. of uncooked meat, 42 lbs. of cooked meat, 34 dozen tins of various foodstuffs, 29 dozen eggs, 24 stones of onions, 33 lbs. of flour, 51 lbs. of cheese, 15 lbs. of butter, 11 lbs. of jam and 9 lbs. of confectionery.

NUISANCES.

Of 470 nuisances investigated and needing abatement, 455 were satisfactorily dealt with. 127 informal notices were served and 114 were complied with. They consisted of minor housing repairs, defective drainage, burst water services, defective sanitary fittings, etc. Of 5 statutory notices served, 4 were complied with.

SCAVENGING AND CLEANSING.

This is carried out entirely by the Council's own staff. During the year 3306 loads of refuse were collected and all of this, with the exception of a few loads to allotment holders, was disposed of by controlled tipping at Brampton and Jump. It is estimated that the 3306 loads weighed 7470 tons.

The estimated weight collected per 1,000 premises was Tons Cwts.
1528 4.6

SCAVENGING COSTS.

	Collection			Disposal			Total		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Costs	3964	-	-	924	-	-	4888	-	-
Income	1014	-	-	554	-	-	1568	-	-
Nett Costs	2950	-	-	370	-	-	3320	-	-
Cost per 1,000 houses	603	10	4.5	75	13	10.9	679	4	3.4
Cost per estimated ton	-	7	10.8	-	-	11.9	-	8	10.7

SALVAGE.

The income derived from salvage during the year ended 31st March, 1943 was £1527. The following is a list of articles salvaged, along with the amounts received by the sale of same.

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	100	6	1	6	650	19	5
Black Scrap	55	14	3	-	204	3	7
Loose Tins	56	8	2	-	59	4	10
Aluminium	-	2	2	1	6	17	-
Copper	-	1	2	16	2	19	2
Brass	-	11	2	9	14	9	7
Zinc and Spelter	-	3	3	14	2	1	8
Lead	1	13	1	21	21	8	5
Pewter	-	-	-	21	1	6	-
Bottles	8	12	2	16	54	6	3
Jars	10	11	1	27	48	-	6
Sacking	2	16	3	25	18	5	2
Rags	10	4	3	17	194	17	6
Rugs and Carpets	4	12	2	1	25	9	-
String	-	4	-	23	1	1	-
"Cullet"	15	3	2	-	31	11	1
Rubber	13	12	3	-	27	7	2
Batteries	12	8	1	-	21	14	5
Aluminium Bottle Caps	-	3	2	-	3	9	6
Kitchen Waste	60	17	-	-	60	17	-
Fish Waste	12	19	-	-	12	19	-
Bones	14	3	-	7	56	3	6
Skins	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Ferrous Metals.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Iron & Steel Control Allowance.)	-	-	-	-	7	-	-

I desire to record my appreciation of the support received from the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, the Chief Officials of other departments, the two Clerks in the Public Health Department, the Salvage Stewards and the workmen engaged on public cleansing and salvage collection.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

H. WARD,

Sanitary Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.